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Classified By: Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Mark D. Clark, reasons 1.
4 (b and d).

(C) A/DCM on January 8 discussed U.S. plans for tabling the Burma resolution in the UNSC with Malaysian Foreign Ministry Under Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs, Shahrul Ikram, following our delivery of ref A points to relevant Ministry offices on January 5. A/DCM recalled Malaysia and ASEAN's previous engagement on Burma and urged Malaysia's support of our renewed effort in the UNSC. Shahrul, whose responsibilities include UN political matters, reiterated that Malaysia supports the Secretary General's "good offices" mandate, but the Ministry continued "to look at the merits" of a UNSC resolution at this time and had reached no formal position. He added, however, that during discussions in December on the draft UNSCR the Foreign Ministry had concluded that Burma "does not pose a threat to international peace and cooperation" and had made this position known in New York. Malaysia would not necessarily weigh in on this matter before the UNSC, but of course would respect the UNSC's future decision. Shahrul anticipated discussion of Burma at the ASEAN Summit in Cebu, but indicated that Malaysia was not prepared to voice support for the draft UNSCR with its ASEAN neighbors.

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